

## TWO HARD FIGHTS

Workmen Wrangle Over the Plan of Assessment.

TAKES TWO-THIRD VOTE

Hot Contest For Grand Master Workman.

The twentieth annual session of the Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. of the jurisdiction of Kansas began last night in the Garfield hall, when the Topeka lodge, uniformed rank, exemplified the degree work.

There are a thousand visiting Workmen here this morning. As early as Saturday night the delegates began to arrive in anticipation of the strong fight that is being made for the proposition known as the classified assessment plan and the other lively contest for Grand Master Workman. The assessment plan is considered by a big number of the delegates to be a radical move and at this time dangerous to the order.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen is a fraternal insurance order. Its death losses are paid by direct assessments upon the members. There are thirty-four jurisdictions in the United States. Every jurisdiction pays the death losses of its own members.

The jurisdiction of Kansas has 2,641 members and assessments for death losses are \$1 each. For instance, if a member of any lodge in the state dies the lodge officers are notified and they levy an assessment to pay the insurance. The insurance is \$2,000, and one assessment in Kansas pays several losses. After an assessment is made it applies to losses until it is exhausted after which another assessment is made when necessary. The number of assessments that can be levied in one year cannot exceed twenty. If there are more the loss must be paid out of what is called the relief fund, which is paid in from jurisdictions that have fallen lowest under the number limit.

Every member under the existing order must pay the \$1 assessment. It is the same for all ages. The classified assessment plan proposes to make the assessments correspond to the age of the member insured. Under such an arrangement the young man of 21 would probably pay 75 cents or 80 cents, while the man of 50 or 60 would pay \$1.50 or \$2.00. The number of assessments for the year closed was about seventeen which under the classified plan would have cost the young man only about \$3, while the older man of 50 years would have to pay about \$25 or more. The advocates of the insurance at a much higher figure than is offered by competitive orders and that without young men as recruits a fraternal order, such as the Workmen, cannot continue.

On the other hand there is strong opposition to any change, especially a change so radical as that proposed in the classification plan. They argue that it is unfair that when a man has joined an order in good faith and with the express written agreement that his assessments through life should continue at \$1 each, he should be compelled, when he is much older to pay two or more times such an amount. It is the opinion of many of the Workmen who have been prominent in the lodge for years that the classification plan will fall heavily upon the shoulders of the older members over the state, and that this increase coming at a time when the member is least able to stand it will force him out of the order. These men, the older members, on whom the classified plan would be a misfortune, do not attend sessions of the grand lodge. Generally they are men who have passed what is called the money making period of life from twenty to forty-five. It would take only a few thousand withdrawals from the lodge to force the assessment per member to be as burdensome a figure as now.

The opponents of the plan insist that it is an experiment. There are 620 votes in the grand lodge and to adopt the proposed assessment measure will take a two-thirds vote.

CANDIDATES FOR GRAND MASTER. Next to the fight for assessment classification, the election of grand master is the liveliest contest. J. H. Crider of Fort Scott is the present incumbent and is a candidate for reelection. He is perhaps 55 years old and of very pleasant address. He is making his fight upon the plea of economy and the precedent of a second term established by his predecessor, William Wallace of Kingman. He has a strong delegation from Fort Scott, including his candidacy, among whom are all of his appointees and F. C. Bailey of the Fort Scott Monitor, E. Aikman, Knute C. C. Newberry, E. P. Egan and J. R. Millon. All of Fort Scott, Webb McNeill of Topeka is also supporting Crider.

William Wallace of Kingman, the first man in the state who ever filled the office of grand master two terms in succession, and who held that place in 1885 and 1886, is making a hard fight, backed by a number of his friends over the state. He is a young man and full of enthusiasm for the lodge work. His friends are very effectively using the argument that during the two years of his former service the membership of the lodge made a net gain of 4,000. He is a good man. Among his best workers are Mort Albright and Frank Harrow of Kingman, Judge Gilbert of Atchison with a strong following from all the western and northern part of the state.

Captain J. H. Shields of Wichita is a candidate and is winning friends fast by sincere genial ways. His friends are using in his support the fact that the Captain's loyalty to the order, his enthusiasm and strong mental faculties peculiarly fit him for the place. He has some good

workers, among whom are Judge E. B. Jewett, Charles Freeman, D. A. McNeill, A. M. Denny and other prominent Workmen of Wichita.

The contest between Crider and Wallace is very active and a number of the supporters of each are for Captain Shields for second choice and in case the friends of either should give up first choice there is a strong probability that the tide will carry Wichita's man in.

There are probably twenty candidates for medical examiner, the leading of which are about in the order named: Dr. J. M. Mienick, Wichita; Dr. F. H. Ellis, Paola; Dr. McElhenny, of Conway Springs; Dr. H. E. Potter, Clyde; Dr. Griffin of Ellis and Dr. Van Tuyl of Leavenworth.

Dr. Mienick is making a close personal canvass and his steering committee have their coats off for him at every turn of the road.

LOBBY TALK OF DELEGATES. It was reported last night that John Breidenbach, chairman of the committee on the state of the order, had made a personal canvass of all the delegates who had arrived and would report favorably the proposition for classified assessment.

Mr. Breidenbach made the statement that most of the delegates who had expressed an opinion were in favor of the amendment, but he is doubtful that a two-thirds vote can be secured. He says, however, the canvass he has made warrants him in recommending the matter favorably and letting the discussion on the floor result as it may.

E. C. Welpe, speaker pro tem of the last legislature, came from Washington and has a well kept up stock of ready-made arguments in favor of the classification plan. He says that the ten jurisdictions having the plan gained more members last year than the twenty-four that didn't. Mr. Welpe adds, very confidently, that Leedy will not call a special session of the legislature, and he says he knows.

Judge Gilbert of Atchison, whose son inherits the distinction of being the youngest lawyer in the world, being only seven years old and admitted, is here and thinks the classified plan is questionable, a matter that can only be judged by actual results. After hearing Judge Gilbert talk, it is not a matter of surprise that his son should have such a brilliant legal turn of mind.

Webb McNeill, the arbitrary insurance commissioner of Kansas, is dodging around, putting in some ticks for the classified plan.

Among the prominent politicians of the state present are John Breidenbach and Webb McNeill of Topeka, Morton Albright and Frank Harrow of Kingman, Knute C. C. Newberry, A. P. Riddle of Minneapolis, Tom Dolan from the Fifth district and Judge Gilbert of Atchison.

Today will be given to legislative work and the discussion of the classified assessment plan. The session of the grand hall will be given to visiting Workmen.

The Degree of Honor tendered all visitors a reception at Peerless hall yesterday afternoon at 2:30. There were refreshments in satisfying abundance, an orchestra and several tripped the light fantastic. Prof. Blum's full orchestra will furnish music for the ball tonight.

Last night the Epworth League team, A. O. U. W. of Topeka, made a call on the Eagle staff and sang two or three songs for the delectation of the night force. The gentlemen are good musicians and their call was highly appreciated. They were under the escort of Messrs. A. M. Denny and D. A. McNeill. The local lodges gave the degree team complimentary tickets to the ball, which will be held this evening in the Auditorium. The invitation was accepted by Captain Surdick on behalf of the order. The gentlemen who visited the Eagle were: Mr. Guy Anderson, Mr. George Layne, Mr. J. W. Dugan, Mr. William Dransfield, Captain H. L. Sturdevant, Mr. C. F. Woodward, Mr. F. E. Armstrong, Mr. C. H. Taylor, Mr. N. E. Kellogg, Mr. Lee Batey, Mr. J. D. Riekman, Mr. S. L. Martin, Mr. John Putnam, Mr. H. Wolf, Mr. John S. Cady, Mr. E. C. Harbuck, Mr. H. C. Lang, Mr. James Harris, all of Topeka.

## IN SEDGWICK HALL

Reports of the Garfield Read Last Night.

WILL MEET FRIDAY

Fifty-One Lots and \$1,300 — Already Subscribed.

The adjourned meeting of the Garfield mass meeting was held last night in Central Middle hall in the Sedgwick block. The attendance was rather small, owing, no doubt, to the A. O. U. W. grand lodge which compelled quite a number to be absent. The enthusiasm was just as intense as at the first meeting and every one felt confident that the final arrangements would be satisfactory to Mr. Davis.

Each one realized the importance of lots of hard work and that it depended entirely with the citizens whether Mr. Davis would take the building on the terms already given to the public.

Mr. James Allison, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, said that the committee had sent out about three hundred letters and so far the committee had received only a few replies. He explained that it would take some time to hear from the majority as they lived in the east and would probably want to consider the proposition submitted to them. From all whom they had heard, the replies were favorable and encouraging.

R. F. McLean, chairman of the West Side committee, was out of the city and Mr. Allison read his report which was very flattering to the committee. The West Side committee had secured about \$1,300 in money and some twenty-one lots.

There has been about thirty other lots secured, which makes the total fifty-one. The calculation is that it will take about \$2,000 to close the deal and over one-third has already been secured, all of which has been done in one week.

Mr. R. R. Hatfield, chairman of the committee on legal relations, made his report which in substance was that they had been working with the other committees in a satisfactory manner.

The meeting adjourned at 9 o'clock to meet on next Friday night in the same hall.

## MISS LYNCH'S FUNERAL

Large Number of Friends Hear the Last Sad Solemn Rites.

The funeral of Miss Agnes Lynch was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Pro-Cathedral, Father Thien presiding. The funeral sermon, The Tithen preaching the funeral sermon. The large church was filled to the utmost with friends and mourners of the deceased. The floral tributes were beautiful and many. The funeral procession was one of the largest ever seen in the city. Miss Lynch's fellow clerks of Innes & Co. attended in a body, the store closing for the afternoon. The remains were placed in the receiving vault in Maple cemetery until the return of the father of the deceased from Ireland.

## CITY IN BRIEF

Mr. Cash Henderson left yesterday for New York.

Mr. Will White of Kingman, was in the city yesterday.

Judge B. F. Milton of Dodge City, is a visitor in the city.

Mr. George Jordan of Hutchinson, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. J. Fremont Burkett of Kingman, was at the Carey yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lillard of Ottawa, were at the Carey yesterday.

Miss Amelia Wiegand is quite sick at her home, 221 South Topeka avenue.

Mrs. E. M. Fort of Emporia, is visiting friends in the city for a few days.

Mr. J. A. Milligan of Garnett, was registered at the Manhattan yesterday.

Mr. Will Ayers is again in his office after a stage of paralysis of the throat.

Manager L. E. Dugan of the telephone exchange, spent Sunday in Hutchinson.

Miss Maude Gerry will leave on Thursday for Union, Ill., on a visit with friends.

Mr. C. A. Moore was a visitor in the city yesterday. He is the guest of the Manhattan.

Charles Irwin left yesterday morning for Salina to attend to some business matters.

Mrs. J. E. Richmond left Sunday morning for a week's visit with friends in Topeka.

Mr. J. S. Kirkpatrick of Blue Mound, is here as a delegate to the grand lodge, A. O. U. W.

Dr. H. E. Duncan of Burtons is in the city attending the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W.

Mr. Benley Mastick, representing a large eastern bond concern, is stopping at the Carey.

Mr. H. L. Woods, one of Wellington's prominent attorneys was in the city yesterday evening.

S. C. Wood, proprietor of Peck Roller mill, was in the city yesterday mixing with the Workmen.

Misses Ethel Bacon and Florence Parsons of Lakin, Kan., were shopping in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Harry Loyer and Mrs. W. D. Frantz of Wellington, were in the city yesterday shopping.

Brotherhood of Trainmen Offer Their Service.

The following resolution in favor of war were passed in case the Maine was blown up:

To the Editor of the Eagle.

We beg a small space in your valuable paper for the following resolutions:

It is hereby resolved, That Wichita Lodge No. 22, Brotherhood Railroad Trainmen, in regular session, February 20, 1898, does hereby extend and convey our heartfelt sympathy to the president of our great republic and our navy; also to the friends and relatives of the victim who mourns the appalling disaster to our battleship Maine; it is further

Resolved, That in the event of proof of Spanish treachery, we, as members of a railway labor organization of more than 30,000 able-bodied men, do hereby offer our help, morally, physically and financially, to redress this great act of treachery to a friendly nation on a friendly mission at Havana, February 15, 1898, whereby so many brave men and our battleship Maine were destroyed without warning.

Also, we believe that we voice the sentiment of all the railway labor organizations and employees in the United States. Further be it

Resolved, That we present these resolutions to the Wichita Daily Eagle for publication on February 22, 1898, the 16th anniversary of the birth of the great and only Washington.

WICHITA LODGE NO. 22, B. R. T., Missouri Pacific Ry.

Special meeting of the Camera club to elect officers, 8 o'clock, in the hall, Mr. H. E. Talcott, representing the National Chemical company, Napa Park, N. J., will give a demonstration with "Velox" paper. A full attendance requested.

TRY GRAIN-O! TRY GRAIN-O!

Ask your Grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it like it. GRAIN-O is that rich, warm brown or black or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. At the price of coffee, 10c and 20c per package. Sold by all grocers.

Mr. F. M. Marsh of 226 South Market street, is slowly improving, after a two weeks' spell of sickness.

Today is Washington's birthday and the postoffice will be closed at 11:30. The carriers will make one trip.

Mr. Theodore Morrison, assistant librarian of Fairmount college, is sick at his home on Fairmount avenue.

F. J. Kramer and J. N. Wildie of Great Bend, are attending the A. O. U. W. grand lodge and visiting W. T. Dando.

Webb McNeill, commissioner of insurance, is in the city from Topeka. Mr. McNeill is attending the grand lodge.

Mr. Harry Bone, deputy district attorney left for his home in Topeka last night after spending Sunday here with friends.

This being Washington's birthday the postoffice will close at 11:30 a. m. Carriers will deliver on routes until 11:30 a. m.

Messrs. O. T. Sherron, Henry Strickland, John and Dickson Hillman were in from Cheney yesterday and returned last evening.

Hon. I. N. Ury, a Republican representative in the last Kansas house from Fort Scott, is here attending the grand lodge.

Mr. Dick H. Rich, county attorney of Coldwater, was at the Carey yesterday. Mr. Rich is here attending the grand lodge.

Mr. G. M. Wolfe of Cheney, was in the city yesterday on his way to Topeka, to attend the meeting of the state crochery association.

A company of eastern capitalists will visit Wichita on next Saturday, coming here from Topeka. There will be about one hundred of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Braltich will entertain the chorus choir of the Reformed church, at their home Wednesday evening of next week.

Mr. Harry Hamilton is in the city from St. Joe, the guest of Mr. Chas. Aley of Fairview avenue. Mr. Hamilton will be in the city until the first.

Judge C. E. Foote, well known here as a stump orator, came in from Kansas City yesterday morning, to attend the grand lodge.

Mr. West Winton, formerly of this city now a member of the firm of Winton & Son, current dealers of Newkirk, O. T. is spending a few days among his friends in the city.

Hon. John W. Breidenbach, ex-chairman of the Populist central committee and bank examiner of Kansas, is one of the delegates to the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W.

Mrs. Judge Simpson of McPherson and Mrs. Peters of Newton, wife of ex-Judge S. R. Peters, were the welcome guests of Mrs. G. W. Rucker yesterday, returning to Newton in the evening.

D. B. Fuller of Emporia is here on Masonic matters, being president of the board of trustees of the Masonic home. He is casting about preparatory to building the addition recently voted to the Masonic home in this city.

Mrs. C. B. Currie returned to her home in Medicine Lodge yesterday, after a pleasant visit with her daughter, Miss Maule, who is attending school at All Hallows academy. Both Mrs. Currie and daughter visited at Mr. S. F. Lane's while in the city.

Mr. Cecil Richmond of the West Side, and his sister, Mrs. E. W. White and son of Chandler, O. T., arrived in the city Sunday morning, after a five days' ride in a wagon from Chandler. Mrs. White and son will visit with her parents for some time.

## AT Cash Henderson's

130-132 N. Main. After March 15, 119-121 N. Main.

Another Reduction

The last words of Mr. Henderson before he left for New York with his buyer, Mr. Clarke, were: "Cut prices more than ever and sell the stock quickly."

These are our instructions and we will act upon them. Call for whatever this store has and you may get it at a price lower than ever.

The time for acting is short. We must move into our new building quickly. Here are a few specials for today:

One lot of spring wrappers came and were opened last night at six o'clock, too late to price them, but they are in readiness today and will be cheap enough. They are stylishly cut and made, and are in all the spring clothes, principally percales.

A lot of silk, silk and wool and wool skirts came along with the wrappers; these like the wrappers will go quickly at a special price.

Spring capes caught the first beams of Kansas sunshine today in our store. Look at them; you may want to purchase when you learn the low price.

A window full of dress gingham, yard 84 cents.

Four-quarters bleached muslins, 34 cents.

The remainder of the Swiss Tambour organdies, only a few choice patterns, yard 10 cents.

Don't pay one cent for Dry Goods until you get the prices at Henderson's Great Removal Sale, where prices are now lower than ever.

## When We Promised You

That the 50 Cents on the Dollar Sale of Biting Bros.' stock would last 30 days we did so "in good faith," but we "reckoned without our host"—we really didn't know how bargain-hungry you "uptown" buyers of clothing were; we didn't know that you would crowd and push and scramble for the bargains in such numbers as to almost close out the stock in 12 days—but you did, and as a result several lines are completely closed out, but we have renewed them from our own thoroughly first-class stock, the already low prices of which we have greatly reduced, not because the goods are unworthy, but as a matter of honor to keep faith with you.

## HERMAN &amp; HESS,

Corner of Market and Douglas. Bittings' Old Stand.

## Chapman &amp; Walker, Agents.

We are showing

## NEW BLACK GOODS

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New 36 inch All Wool Serges, 25c.

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Phone 100, South Lawrence avenue.

## Golden Eagle,

226-228 East Douglas, Corner Lawrence.

New Spring Goods Arriving Daily.

## Trunks! Trunks!

We have made a run in Trunks that we will put on sale this week. We have kept all our men busy all winter and have filled our large factory with Trunks.

In order to keep the men busy we will cut our stock loose and if you need any Trunks, it will pay you to get what you want. This will only last a short time. Call early and make your selection, at the

Wichita Trunk Factory,

401 EAST DOUGLAS AVE.

Daily Eagle by carrier, 10 cents per week. Weekly Eagle, 50 cents a year.

J. Glosser Tailoring Co.,

147 North Main St.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

America's Greatest Medicine. Sold by all druggists, 41c.

Hood's Pills cure Liver, Bile, easy to take, easy to operate.

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